

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**January 23, 2001**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, and Hirschmann

Discussion of contribution to the Manchester Fire Department Memorial Fund.

Alderman Hirschmann asked what is the recommendation.

Alderman Lopez stated I asked that this be brought up at the Finance Committee to make some recommendations. I was hoping that the Chief or a representative from the Fire Department was going to be here. I e-mailed him today, but I guess he is not here.

Mayor Baines replied I think we pretty much understand...you had a sum of money in mind.

Alderman Lopez responded I didn't have any particular sum in mind. I think that Alderman Hirschmann suggested that it would be a good idea to bring it to Finance. Maybe somebody else has an idea. I think that we ought to contribute something in the range of \$1,000 as a gesture from the City.

Mr. Clougherty stated you have a balance of \$99,000 in contingency.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to donate \$1,000 from Contingency to the Manchester Fire Department Memorial Fund.

Mayor Baines stated as you know, they are going to be constructing a statue in honor of firefighters who gave their lives.

Alderman O'Neil stated Chief Driscoll just passed on to me that he is aware there is a major fire on Spruce Street and that is why Chief Kane is not here.

## **TABLED ITEMS**

**4. Resolution:**

"Amending a Resolution 'Continuation of the Central Business Service District'."

This item remained on the table.

**5. Report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration advising that it has accepted the attached open invoice report for School invoices and is submitting same to the Board for informational purposes.  
(Tabled 01/02/01)**

Alderman Hirschmann asked has the information been received for us to take that off the table.

Mr. Clougherty answered the item was tabled at the last meeting, as I recall, because the Board wanted us to get a revised report to you that would break out the amounts by fiscal year. Since this report was tabled, we have had activity that makes this report outdated so we will be giving the Committee on Accounts a new report with that format and that will come to the next meeting.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Alderman Hirschmann stated when we tabled this, the reason we tabled it was so that it would come back every month until it was resolved. You, your Honor, were going to a meeting with the School District. What happened?

Mayor Baines replied lots. Kevin, do you want to advise on this? That was the meeting that took place, I believe with Mr. Tanguay, myself, and Wayne Robinson in terms of clarifying the financial reporting.

Mr. Clougherty stated if the purpose for this item to remain on the table is to serve as a tickler for information on the audit, the audit we have been told will be done the second week in February. Part of what we need to do, Alderman, is be able to get the audit numbers for the year-end closing.

Mayor Baines stated here is the issue. These were the open invoices of bills that have not been paid.

Alderman Hirschmann stated the reason that we did, in fact, put this here is Alderman Gatsas asked are these invoices in dispute or are they late in paying them. We were waiting for an answer.

Mr. Clougherty replied they are still in dispute and until we get the final audit, which we expect to have in the middle of February, it will not be answered.

Alderman Gatsas stated that was a meeting on Tuesday. You and Mr. Clougherty explicitly said that you were meeting with the School Board on Friday to resolve this issue two weeks ago. My concerns were are they open invoices because they are delinquent and we were going to get a list of them. I think that...you know what these meant and what they were for and that was Alderman Pariseau who asked that question. We are going back now to it is going to be here the second week in February.

Mr. Clougherty responded the audit.

Alderman Gatsas replied that was the audit, but the question was...these numbers were going to be resolved by Friday.

Mayor Baines responded we were hopeful.

Alderman Gatsas stated it was specifically said that they would be resolved by Friday. All I am looking for, Kevin, and I am sure that we don't need to wait until this list is revised, maybe you can give us a list like Alderman Pariseau wanted to know what is delinquent and what is in question and what does it mean and what is it for.

Mr. Clougherty replied I will get that to you tomorrow.

Alderman Gatsas responded well I think that would have been just as easy to do two weeks ago.

Mayor Baines replied well there was a misunderstanding and we will get that clarified.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to place this item back on the table.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee